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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated 6 May, 2003. Applicant thanks the examiner for the courtesies extended in the telephone calls of 22 May, 2003 regarding a Preliminary Amendment mailed by Applicants on 31 January, 2001 and containing amendments to the claims. Although the preliminary amendment was received by the USPTO and the dated postcard was mailed back to Applicants, it was not entered and at present is not of record in the file. In view of this, the present response addresses the claims as originally filed, per Examiner Hutson's suggestion.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 25 of this paper.

Formal drawings accompany the filing of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings are attached to this paper and include both the attached replacement sheet of formal drawings and an annotated sheet showing changes.

A corrected sequence listing also accompanies the filing of this paper.